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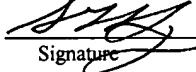
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Rule 136, Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner for a two-month extension of time extending to July 9, 2004, the period for response to the Office Action dated February 9, 2004. A check for \$210.00 and the responsive papers are attached.

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